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Board approves updated business incentive zones

SAN BERNARDINO – During Tuesday's May 7 board meeting, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved updated business incentive areas within the San Bernardino Valley Enterprise Zone (SBVEZ). Businesses located within the SBVEZ (see attached map) can receive State incentives designed to promote economic development within the zone when they hire employees who live within Targeted Employment Areas.

Once an eligible worker is hired, businesses can reduce their operating costs through the Employee Hiring Tax Credit, which allows them to claim up to \$37,440 in tax relief for each eligible worker. The zone also allows businesses to receive tax credits on the sales and use tax incurred with qualified purchases such as machinery, motion picture manufacturing equipment, data processing and communications equipment.

"Founded in Colton over 55 years ago, and still located less than two miles away, Hub prides itself on its place in the local community. With the recent economic recession severely impacting the construction community, the Enterprise Zone has enabled Hub to weather the storm and resume adding jobs and production equipment much sooner than otherwise possible," said Paul Dainko of Hub Construction Specialties, Inc. in San Bernardino.

The SBVEZ covers a 46-square mile area and includes the city of Colton, city of San Bernardino and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Since 2006, 9,594 vouchers have been issued to 329 businesses, including Ashley Furniture HomeStore, California Steel Industries, The Home Depot and Health Net of California.

"With the loss of redevelopment, enterprise zones have become even more valuable because they provide financial incentives for businesses here in the county. We want our local businesses to know that we value the investment they've made here. We provide support through the SBVEZ because we want to see those investments succeed, and we want to see San Bernardino County succeed," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

Rick Snyder, president and owner of U.S. Rubber Recycling, Inc. explains the pressure he was under to relocate his business out-of-state, "My company was heavily courted by other states looking to recruit business by offering lower costs. After comparing the benefits offered by Arizona to those of the San Bernardino Valley Enterprise Zone, it made more sense to stay local and move to Colton."

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